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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

With election day behind us, the most important news may be the arrival of the general small game hunting season. And that ties in with the need of a sustained general rain. Those hunting with dogs know that a dry trail is hard to follow. I am neither hunter nor hunted, but traditionally Virginians look forward to the season with keen anticipation. I understand that the supply of game is about the same as last year, which was considered "a very good year." Please observe the rules.

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Indeed, maybe Virginians will do better hunting for small game than hunting for football victories. William and Mary and University of Richmond hoisted the banner of victory, as did ACHS, but three of the "Big Five" lost. So did Slippery Rock, being downed by Clarian State, 21 to 10. I was proud of my alma mater, University of Richmond, for an upset win over the North Carolina Tarheels. ACHS will expect your support as The Raiders go into playoffs, facing Bassett.

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According to reliable sources, Christmas will arrive on schedule this year. Have already seen a decorated Christmas tree and "layaway plans" are advertised. Inflation or no, Santa Claus will make his rounds and reindeer do not operate on gas. I always look forward to the Macy and Hudson Christmas parades on Thanksgiving Day as ushering in the formal season. In some towns Christmas street decorations are in place and the lights will be turned on soon. People move around so it is best to start early checking your Christmas card mailing list for current addresses. My address is the same . . . Drawer 98, Appomattox, Va. Early ads in the papers suggest that "Star Wars" has influenced toy selection this year.

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It appears that every week is something special. This is National Bible Week. November is National Model Railroad Month. Welcome . . . the Buckingham Ruritan Club will hold its annual ladies night and awards banquet in Appomattox, Thursday evening, Nov. 9.

Appomattox Is A Growing Town, but consider Mexico City. Some population specialists predict that in another generation, Mexico City may be the world's largest, with thirty-five million. I am a country boy and that is too many for me. If'n I desire to go South of The Border will settle for Dillon, South Carolina, home town of a famous restaurant by that name.

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Lynchburg Darkleaf Tobacco Markets open Nov. 28 and guesses are that the quality of leaf and prices will be good. (Cheap pun . . . even I try to make "Darkleaf" good.)

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Oysters must be in good supply this year, for some 16,000 were in Urbanna last week for the annual Oyster Festival. Urbanna is a fine town in Middlesex Coiunty and has a fine weekly paper, called The Sentinel. Heavens to Betsy, it has been years since I had oysters on the half shell, fresh from the Rappahannock.

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Maybe it was due to the dry weather we have been having, but I dreamed the other night that I had set up a windmill in my back lot. Actually, Appomattox is fortunate to have good water availability and that is one of our town's assets. But do not waste it, and let us not have costly forest fires.

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Thanks for reading, and seeya next week.

Town and County Citizens Urged To Refrain From Outdoor Burning

William R. Britton, Jr., Town Manager, Special Projects Officer for the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, and EMS Coordinator for the county, reports that extremely dry conditions exist in both the town and the county, and, on behalf of the Town of Appomattox and Appomattox County, urges area citizens to refrain from open burning during the remainder of the dry period. Britton recommended that county and town citizens use the leaves for garden or other mulch, or bag the leaves for disposal.

Britton also said that, in addition to the fire hazard, the smoke from burning leaves creates air pollution and problems for those persons suffering from respiratory problems. In addition, state law requires that open burning be done in an approved container and not within three hundred feet of an occupied dwelling, unless the permission of the owner thereof is obtained. Britton also reported that it is illegal for smoke from open burning to create a traffic hazard.

Britton said that it is hoped, during this critical period, area citizens will refrain entirely from open burning and will cooperate with area fire control officers in the prevention of fires.

American Education Week Observed

The week of November 13-17, 1978 has been declared American Education Week. The faculty at Appomattox County High School has planned several events to celebrate American Education Week at the high school.

On Monday, November 13th, at 12:00 noon all parents are invited to eat lunch with their children as part of Parent's Appreciation Day. All interested parents will assemble in the A.C.H.S. library at noon. In addition, at 7:00 p.m., parents of students at ACHS and interested citizens are invited to the ACHS auditorium to meet the teachers and administrators at the high school. A short program has been planned to be followed by classroom visitation.

On Tuesday, November 14, 1978, the ACHS Adult Distributive Education program will be offering a Shoplifting Prevention Seminar from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. A registration fee of $2.00 per enrollee will be charged for this course.

On Wednesday, November 15, 1978, the National Honor Society will be conducting their 1978 induction ceremony for newly appointed members. All parents of these students are urged to attend.

On Thursday, November 16, 1978, the students will be observing Teacher Appreciation Day. All clubs and organizations are urged to participate.

On Friday, November 17, 1978, the Drama Department will present the drama "The Miracle Worker" to the student body from 9:05 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. In addition, the play will be presented that evening at 7:00 p.m. for the public.

TOWN OFFICE - DMV TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

The Appomattox Town Office and the Division of Motor Vehicles Office, located in the Town Hall, will both be closed Friday, November 10th, in observance of the Veterans Day holiday.

Pamplin Cannery Changes Canning Schedule

The Pamplin Cannery will operate only on Tuesday and Thursday of each week beginning November 6. This reduced schedule has been necessary because of the extremely dry weather which has caused a big decline in the processing of food. Patrons who desire to use the canning facilities for processing meats, both pork and beef, are requested to call for appointments. The number of days per week will be increased as demand for using the canneries expands. The number of days per week will be increased as demand for using the canneries expands. The number of the Pamplin Cannery is 248-6191.

Hunters Requested To Watch For School Buses

With the beginning of hunting season near at hand, hunters are requested to be on the look-out for school buses as well as game.

Buses are en route to schools from 7:15 a.m. until about 9:00 a.m. and are carrying children back home from about 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Some bus drivers have reported near accidents in past years, so please be careful where you park, walk, drive and the direction of your loaded gun.

The cooperation of hunters in this matter will be greatly appreciated by all school bus drivers.

National Career Guidance Week Observed

National Career Guidance Week is set aside each year to inform the public of career guidance services, how these services help youth, as well as adults, to make sound career choices, where counseling and career guidance may be obtained, and why the further development of these services

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POST OFFICE TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

The Appomattox Post Office will observe Veterans Day Saturday. There will be no rural delivery on Saturday.

The Pamplin Post Office will also be observing Veterans Day Saturday. There will be no window service and no rural delivery on Saturday from Pamplin Post Office.

American Legion Auxiliary To Meet November 14

Unit 104, American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday night, November 14, in the home of Mrs. Ivev Holland.

It is hoped that all members will attend and invite others who are eligible to join (wives, daughters, mothers of American Legion members) to attend this meeting.

FOOTBALL CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Winners in the Football Contest sponsored by local merchants have been announced by the TIMES-VIRGINIAN for the contest in the November 2, 1978 edition of this newspaper.

Jefferson Forest - William Campbell did not play each other in Friday night's game so we will not count that as one of the contest games.

With a possible 22 correct predictions to make in this contest, Raymond W. Bryant of Route 3, Appomattox correctly picked 21 games. He is winner of first place and will receive a check from the TIMES-VIRGINIAN in the amount of $10.00 as first place prize.

Correctly picking 20 of the games from the possible 22 games listed in the contest were Nelwyn Morris of Route 3, Robert I. Scott of 510 Virginia Avenue, Leon Bryant, Jr. of Route 3, and Steve Mitchell of P. O. Box 132. Going to the "tie-breakers for a winner, Steve Mitchell was the only one of the four to pick Air Force to beat Army which was incorrect. Going to the Appomattox - Amherst game for a winner, Robert I. Scott with an 8 point difference in the game is winner of second place and will receive a check from the TIMES-VIRGINIAN in the amount of $5.00 as second place prize. Appomattox won over Amherst by only 2 points.

As this was the last game of the season for the Seminole District, of which Appomattox Raiders are Champions, the football contest will not be used until next season. Congratulations to all the winners and to the participants in the contest this year. It truly created a great deal of interest.

GYMNASTICS CLASSES TO BE OFFERED IN APPOMATTOX

The Lynchburg Central YWCA will offer Gymnastics Classes at the Appomattox Elementary School on Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning November 29, 1978.

Students must pre-register for all Gymnastics Classes. All persons interested must contact Patsy Crawley or Susan Deacon at the Lynchburg Central YWCA, 847-7751. Fee is $16.00 for the 8-week session.

County Voters Go For Miller

Education Can Turn Things Around

American Education Week will be observed November 12-18. Getting ready for the big week are second graders Kelly Christ, Keith Kessler, and Arnita Goode. Special programs and other activities highlighting the accomplishments have been planned at the Appomattox Primary School. Faculty in-service centered around attitude and self-concept development will be the kick-off program in celebration of American Education Week. In-service for teacher aides in regard to Basic Learning Skills is planned.

The Parent Teacher Association Meeting will be held November 16, 1978 at 8 p.m. The PTA has established the goal to help minimize the current crisis of poor nutritional habits among children. The program "Nutrition and the American Child" will be a great help to teachers and parents to instill a sense of good nutritional habits among our students.

Sponsors of American Education Week have noted a number of approaches for reaffirming their commitment to improving education and translating that commitment into action by visiting our school.

The staff of the Appomattox Primary School encourages local citizens and parents to participate in American Education Week.

We Need You At Our Bloodmobile Visit November 14

Yes, we need everyone who can give blood to come out and donate a unit of blood Tuesday, November 14, when the Red Cross Bloodmobile sets up from noon until 6 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church.

We hope you will not have to wait long. We are trying very hard to have things run smoothly as possible.

I would like to remind you that our Red Cross nurses and workers have a LONG day when they come to Appomattox. They have to be at the Center in Roanoke on Tuesday to load all the supplies necessary for a visit. That takes an hour, so they leave en route to Appomattox at 9 a.m. They arrive at the Liberty Baptist Church around 11 a.m. They have to unload and set up for donors and that takes another hour so they really have to rush to make it by noon.

Due to this schedule, you know they have not had time for any lunch, so, about 1 p.m., the staff takes turns going out for lunch.

This takes a little time and may cause a short delay but we hope not long, especially since they have a new process now and you are not on the table as long.

Now we come to the close of the visit - 6 p.m. Again they are packing up and loading takes about 30 to 45 minutes and then they have the drive back to Roanoke. Most of the workers will be lucky to arrive at their home by 9 p.m.

How's that for a day's work?

See you on Tuesday when you come out to donate a unit of your lifesaving blood!

Alice C. Martin,
Chairman Blood Services

3093 Votes Cast In County

A relatively large number of voters turned out for Tuesday's General Election in Appomattox County. With 4,622 registered voters, 3,093 votes were cast here in the county.

Creating the most attention in Tuesday's election was the race for United States Senator. First on the ballot was the name of Andrew P. Miller, Democratic candidate, and second on the list was John W. Warner, Republican candidate, each seeking the Senate seat.

With ten precincts voting in Appomattox County, a total of 1,695 votes were cast for Miller as opposed to the 1,355 votes cast for Warner. Miller carried the county by only 340 votes.

Statewide, according to early news Wednesday morning, Warner held to a lead of 3,504 votes in the election.However, Miller had not conceded the election and Warner had not made his acceptance. It is understood that Miller will wait for the official state canvass and it may be the end of the month before either candidate knows definitely.

Second on the ballot, W. C. "Dan" Daniel, unopposed incumbent for Member of House of Representatives, Fifth District, received good support from our county in Tuesday's election as well as throughout the District. In Appomattox County, Daniel polled 1,830 votes.

Appomattox County voted "Yes" on a proposed constitutional amendment regarding tax exemption for property repairs.

On the last issue, but a most important one, Appomattox County citizens voted "NO" on the authorization to legalize pari-mutuel betting in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

On the Proposed Constitutional Amendment, county voters cast 1,627 yes votes as opposed to 819 no votes.

On the question of Pari-Mutuel Betting, Appomattox County voters voiced their opinions by voting 2,040 NO as opposed to 801 YES.

Now, we will wait it out to see who will represent us in the United States Senate. With his lead of 3,504 votes statewide, we feel that Warner will be our next United States Senator.

Shoplifting Prevention Seminar To Be Offered

The Appomattox County High School Adult Distributive Education Program is offering a three-hour seminar entitled "Shoplifting Prevention" on November 14, 1978. The course is available for all owners, managers or employees in retail business.

Teaching the class will be the Appomattox County Sheriff's Department with the assistance of the Lynchburg Police Department.

The fee is $2.00 per enrollee and registration is being handled by the ACHS Distributive Education Department. For further information call 352-7146, extension 22.

Banks Will Observe Holiday

American Federal Savings & Loan Association, Farmers National Bank and Fidelity American Bank will all be closed Friday, November 10, 1978, in observance of Veteran's Day.

These banks will operate on a Friday schedule Thursday, opening from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and reopening from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. for your banking convenience.

First National Bank of Farmville, Pamplin Branch will be open Friday but will close Saturday in observance of this holiday.

November - Firemen's Month

Mayor Ronald C. Spiggle has designated November as "Volunteer Firemen's Month" and has authorized Mr. Paul Drinkard and Mrs. James R. Ford, Jr. to collect Christmas donations for the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department.

These public spirited volunteers dedicate long hours of their time in service to the community without any material compensation. Not only do they attend fires both in the "Town" and "County" but they hold many training sessions in order to become more proficient.

Their's is a time and energy consuming activity and is an essential service to the whole community. This will give you the opportunity to say "thank you" by donating when Mr. Drinkard or Mr. Ford contacts you sometime during the month of November.

photo by Joe Vaughan

Mitchell Kicks Raiders Into Championship

By Billy Conner

	Amh.	App.
First Downs	15	17
Y-Rust	192	151
Passing	5-11-2	7-16-2
Pass-Yds	69	149
Penalties	6-60	6-70
Fumb.-Lost	3-1	2-1
Punts	2-66-33	2-69-34 5

Freddie Mitchell split the uprights with a 27-yard field goal to give the Raiders a come-from-behind 23-21 victory over visiting Amherst and undisputed possession of first place in the Seminole District standings.

Appomattox now advances to the Group AA, Region III playoffs, hosting Piedmont District runnerup Bassett in the opening round Friday night at Lynchburg City Stadium.

The most rewarding part of Friday's game was the way Appomattox played the final two and one-half minutes of the contest. Amherst had just scored to go ahead by one (21-20) and kicked off with 2:35 showing on the clock. With the ball on the Raiders' 19, Joe Fraley hit Terry Woods with a pass at midfield and Woods scampered out of bounds at the Amherst 34. A series of running plays into the line moved the ball steadily towards the goal as the clocked ticked down. With 17 seconds left, Mitchell went in to boot the most important field goal thus far in his high school football career. Mitchell admitted he was somewhat nervous with thoughts of a 22-yard attempt against Rustburg that failed.

The Raiders, who had not won a district title for 12 years, had a remarkable year under Coach Stuart Justus. The offensive unit was balanced with a good passing and rushing attack. It would be difficult to single out any heros either offensively or defensively and the Raiders should be well represented on the All-District Team.

Quarterback Joe Fraley threw 23 touchdown passes during the regular season with Darrell Schrock on the receiving end of 17 scoring passes. Terry Woods rushed for more than 1000 yards and was one of Fraley's favorite targets. Andrew Kelso and Tony Hancock were break away threats all season and Freddie Mitchell was a consistant place kicker for the Raiders. The entire offensive line played well as a unit.

From the beginning, the defensive team felt they had something to prove since they had given up quite a few points the previous year. This year they were determined to shut the door on their opponents and they did just that. They allowed just 71 points in 10 games and shut out 5 opponents.

With confidence in their ability to play under pressure, the Raiders have a good chance to go all the way to a state Group AA championship. We wish them much success and congratulate them on their performance during the regular season.

Amherst 0 14 7 - 21
Appo. 0 13 0 10 23

Appo-Schrock 7 pass from Fraley (kick failed)
App-Woods 41 pass from Fraley (Mitchell kick).
Am-Davis 3 run (Thomas kick).
Amh-Dixon, 2 run (Thomas kick)
Appo-Kelso 2 run (Mitchell kick)
Amh-Sullivan fum. recovery e-zone (Thomas kick)
App-Mitchell 27 field goal.

NO TRASH PICK-UP NOVEMBER 23rd

There will be no trash pick-up on Thursday, November 23rd, in the Town of Appomattox due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Trash will be picked up by town forces on Friday, November 24, 1978.

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